



Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

Recreation Committee

February 18, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Rodney Recreation Centre
135 Queens Line
Rodney, ON

Present: Taraesa Tellier, Deputy Mayor
Cindy da Costa
Megan Bartlett
Karen Booth

Regrets: Courtney Kreamer
Bill Denning, West Elgin Councillor

Staff Present: Jenna Campbell, Communication & Recreation Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chair Taraesa Tellier called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved: Karen Booth

Seconded: Megan Bartlett

That West Elgin Recreation Committee hereby adopts the agenda as circulated.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures

4. Minutes

Amend minutes and add police checks discussion and recreation centre lines.

Moved: Megan Bartlett

Seconded: Karen Booth

That the West Elgin Recreation Committee adopts the minutes of Nov 19th, 2026 as printed and circulated.

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

Go back and add the two missed topics from the minutes. Recreation Centre lines and Police checks.

6. Items of Discussion

6.1 Pooch Plunge

End of season pooch plunge at the pool. Look into insurance and if we are able to do this. Can maybe invite some dog venders and or other companies to attend.

6.2 Fire Pit Pop Up

Next year in the winter have fire pits in the parks for people to come together. Can even add it in the warmer months. Was a suggestion to add this idea to the fair. Have to look into if this allowed and the rules and restrictions places on it - will talk to fire department.

6.3 Youth Sport Drop In

Jenna shared the updates with the March Break youth drop-in day. She will confirm with the groups if and when it is approved. Will also send the sign-up link and flyer to the group. Karen brought up the idea of asking to borrow hockey sticks from the local schools as well as having kids bring their own helmet. It was discussed that having some sort of survey where we can gage the kids' opinions or suggestions of the drop in. Doing a ballot box idea will be adopted at the program to help collect feedback from the youth. If the program is approved, we will promote it on the social media, signs, and will send to group to have some handout at the schools.

6.4 Canada Day

We have approved bubble soccer, ice cream truck, and Rodney lions club food truck. Petting Zoo contact will be provided. Brought up the idea to

gather as many community groups as we can and bring everyone together for a meeting to have people be on the same page. This will help delegate who is doing what and when on the day of. End of March or early April to have this meeting would be ideal. Also discussed the idea of having a large pool of volunteers that the municipality can pull from when there are events. There are issues with getting police checks and vulnerable sector checks. It was brought forward that the municipality needs to provide a letter to the committee members so they can take that forward to obtain their record checks. This needs to be followed up on.

6.5 Summer Recreation - Pool

The pool schedule and pricing were discussed. Once it is approved the committee will be notified. Bringing back teen nights on Fridays was discussed so will look into that for the schedule. Idea that filling up the pool with bookings on Saturdays was discussed if the pool is closed on Sundays. Also discussed the idea of making sure we are advertising and thanking out sponsor who contribute to free community swims. It was also discussed about seeing what we can do for low-income families regarding paying for swim lessons. It was also suggested once we decide what we are doing with the pool to put out communications to the community and explain why.

7. Adjournment

Moved: Megan Bartlett

Seconded: Cindy da Costa

That West Elgin Recreation Committee hereby adjourn at 8:16 p.m. to meet again at 7:00 pm on April 15th, 2026.

Carried

Taraesa Tellier, Chair

Jenna Campbell, Recording
Secretary